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PATENT APPLICATION

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| Applicants: | Kris G. Kumar et al. | Confirmation No.: | 2402 |
| Application No.: | 10/647,587 | Art Unit: | 3732 |
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| For: | SPINAL FIXATION SYSTEM | Attorney Docket No: | 8932-825-999 |

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Please extend the time for reply to the January 3, 2006 final Office Action for a period of one month, from April 3, 2006 up to and including May 3, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$120.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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